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Michael Alston
Director, Office of Civil Rights
Office of Justice Programs,
U.S. Department of Justice
810 Seventh Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20531-3718

Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Alston:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), is referring correspondence received on February 9, 2015 from an inmate (Complainant) incarcerated in the Alabama Department of Corrections. The EPA/OCR treated the correspondence as a Title VI complaint. Complainant alleged various violations of environmental laws by the Alabama Department of Corrections. However, since the Alabama Department of Corrections is neither an applicant for nor recipient of EPA financial assistance and Complainant does not allege a discriminatory act that may violate EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, his complaint does not fall within the EPA/OCR's jurisdiction, and the EPA must reject it for investigation.

However, because the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) may have subject-matter jurisdiction over the allegations presented in the subject complaint, the EPA/OCR is referring it to the DOJ for appropriate action. We have notified the Complainant that his complaint has been forwarded to the DOJ and provided your contact information. The notice letter is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Helena Wooden-Aguilar, Assistant Director, External Compliance Program at (202) 564-0792, Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Director

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